

# *Caltrans* *Workers Memorial 2017*

*Remembering Our Fallen Workers*



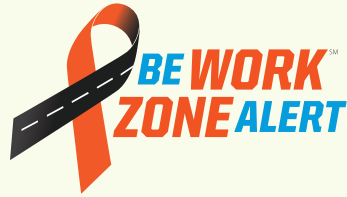
**April 27, 2017 • 11:30 a.m.**

**WEST STEPS, CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITOL**

## ***Dedicated to:***

All Caltrans workers who lost their lives building, maintaining and operating California's world-class transportation system.

Caltrans Workers Memorial Day reminds us to "Be Work Zone Alert" and "Move Over" whenever amber lights are flashing.



## *Mistress of Ceremonies*

**Beth Ruyak**

*Capital Public Radio — Host, Insight*

## *Invocation/Benediction*

**Senior Chaplain MIndi Russell**

*Executive Director — Law Enforcement Chaplaincy, Sacramento*

## *Speakers*

**Malcolm Dougherty**

*Director, California Department of Transportation*

**Brian P. Kelly**

*Secretary, California State Transportation Agency*

**Honorable Jim Frazier**

*Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee*

**Robert Lumahan**

*President, Professional Engineers in California Government*

**Dave Wood**

*Caltrans Maintenance Area Superintendent—Donner Pass, District 3*

**Roberto Lopez and Daniela Lopez**

*Son and Daughter of Jorge Lopez*

**Adriana Lopez**

*Scholarship Recipient and Daughter of Jorge Lopez*

# *Honor Guard Ceremony*

## CALTRANS HONOR GUARD

Rick Chavez | *Captain*

Frank Duron

Terry Gist

Fidel Gomez-Garcia

Bill Halterman

Ricky Hernandez

Kevin Lindsey

Jose Lopez

Jaime Magana

Frank Ornelaz II

Ronald Richardson

Alex Valdez Jr.

## ADVISORS

Tamie McGowen

Caroline Moreno

Michael Morgan | *Drillmaster*





## BACKGROUND INSTRUMENTALS

**Randy Hiatt** | *Guitarist*

**Anthony Johnson** | *Keyboardist*

## "STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

**Rex A. Cluff** | *Choir Director*

*Caltrans Choir Members:*

**Joyce Crawford**

**Noemi Rios**

**Joe Rouse**

**Angela Shepard**

**Martha Styer**

**Mark Swabey**

## "AMAZING GRACE"

**Timothy M. Weeks** | *Caltrans, District 3*

## BUGLER

**Colonel Bill Tubbs** | *California State Military Reserve*

# ***Special Recognition***

*For their ongoing support and commitment to Caltrans workers*

**The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.**

*Governor, State of California*

**Brian P. Kelly**

*Secretary, California State Transportation Agency*

**Joe Farrow**

*Commissioner, California Highway Patrol*

**Rhonda Craft**

*Director, California Office of Traffic Safety*

**Jean Shiimoto**

*Director, Department of Motor Vehicles*

**Vincent Mammano**

*California Administrator, Federal Highway Administration*

**The Honorable Jim Beall**

*Chair, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee*

**The Honorable Jim Frazier**

*Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee*



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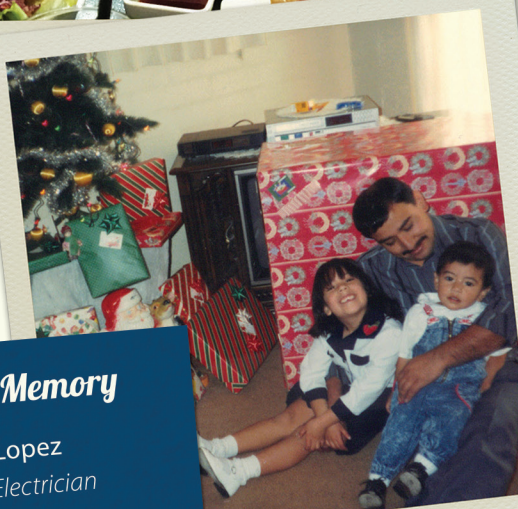
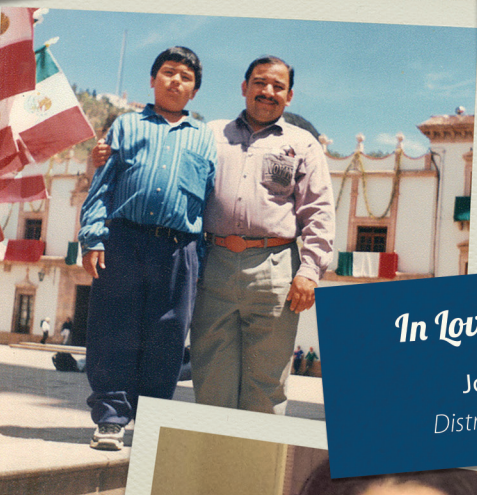
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California Transportation Foundation

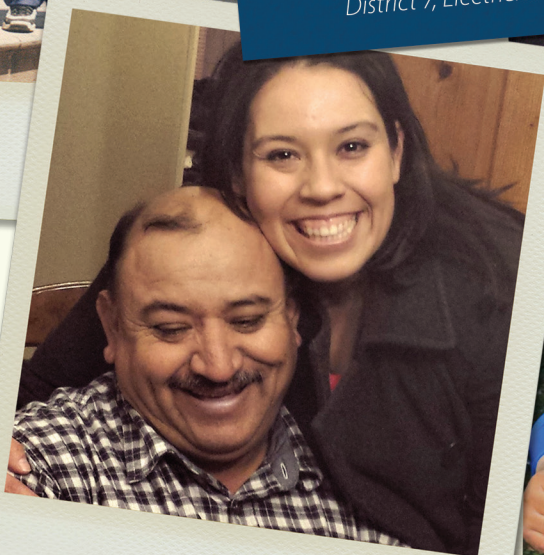
California State Military Reserve

Flasher Barricade Association



## *In Loving Memory*

Jorge Lopez  
District 7, Electrician





## *In Loving Memory*

To our hero, companion and the heart of our family, the electrician who lit up our lives.

There are not enough words to express how grateful we are to have had you in our lives. Your love, compassion and drive will be forever instilled in our hearts and your memory will always live in our hearts and minds.

Thank you for your teachings, your patience and your everlasting love.

To the friends, family, community and everyone who supported us through such a difficult time, thank you for being our lifeline. We are forever grateful for all of your support.

Lovingly,  
The Lopez Family







*In Loving Memory*

Randy Whisenhunt  
District 11, Electrician II





## *Remember me*

To the living, I am gone.  
To the sorrowful, I will never return.  
To the angry, I was cheated.  
But to the happy, I am at peace.  
And to the faithful, I have never left.  
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.  
So as you stand upon a shore  
gazing at a beautiful sea...  
Remember me.

As you look in awe at a mighty forest  
and its grand majesty...  
Remember me.

As you look upon a flower  
and admire its simplicity...  
Remember me.

Remember me in your heart, your thoughts  
and your memories of the times we loved,  
the times we cried, the times we fought,  
and the times we laughed.  
For if you always think of me,  
I will never be gone.



# *Caltrans Fallen Workers Memorial Scholarship*

2017 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT  
ADRIANA LOPEZ | DAUGHTER OF JORGE LOPEZ



On September 1st of 2016, my family and I received terrible news; my father had passed away while he was working. From that day on, time felt as if it had frozen for a long period of time. I can still recall how difficult it was to juggle being a student, a worker, and a daughter who now had to plan her father's services. I was mentally and emotionally exhausted, all I wanted to do was put a hold on any other personal endeavors in order to be fully available for my family. Though I wanted to give up, I continuously reminded myself about the valuable lessons of hard work and resilience that my father had taught me. Jorge, my father, was a hardworking, resilient man who would always do his best to overcome any hardships that he encountered by always finding new ways to approach any situation. This was his way of life and he would apply it to both his personal and professional life.

I took my father's philosophy to heart, even if that meant sleepless nights in order to not fall behind on my school work. My father knew that it was my last semester at a community college and regardless of any external circumstances, I know he would not want me put the opportunity of transferring out to a university on hold. I must admit this was very difficult to do as there were several days during which I simply did not have the energy to go to work or school because of my sadness. I, however, constantly told myself that I needed to push on and finish school. During the time of my father's passing, I was working at an after school program



at an elementary school in Pacoima. A lesson that I kept on emphasizing to my students was the importance of working hard towards attaining a higher education. Many of the activities I planned focused on having students think about where they saw themselves in the future. Many of my students did not have a family member who had attended college and many of them did not feel any motivation to explore what a college education had to offer them. Several of my students were not sure if they were able to study anything within their interests. I helped my students do research and taught them about the many different majors that are available to study. Seeing how inspired my students became about the possibility of attending college in the future motivated me to do well in school and finish the semester off strong.

Despite being mentally exhausted, I kept telling myself to work hard as it was something my father had always thought to be necessary in life. I took his words to heart and completed all of my last classes at the community college with A's, raised my GPA, and was able to transfer out to a four-year university with an associate's degree. It is important to me to teach my students that despite going through hardships, they still have the capacity to excel in their studies. My students and peers were very proud of me when I gave them the news about me transferring to a four-year university. I have always expressed to my family and my students how important it was for me to continue my studies and pursue graduate school.

Receiving this scholarship, will help me focus on my studies in psychology and give me the opportunity to gain more experience within my field of study. It will also give me the advantage of having an open schedule to volunteer in programs that are offered at my school. By doing these tasks, I will be able to become a much more qualified candidate for graduate school. The money will also be used towards tuition and essential school supplies such as a laptop and Microsoft programs that are needed in order to complete homework assignments.

## Poster Contest Winners

### GRAND PRIZE WINNER



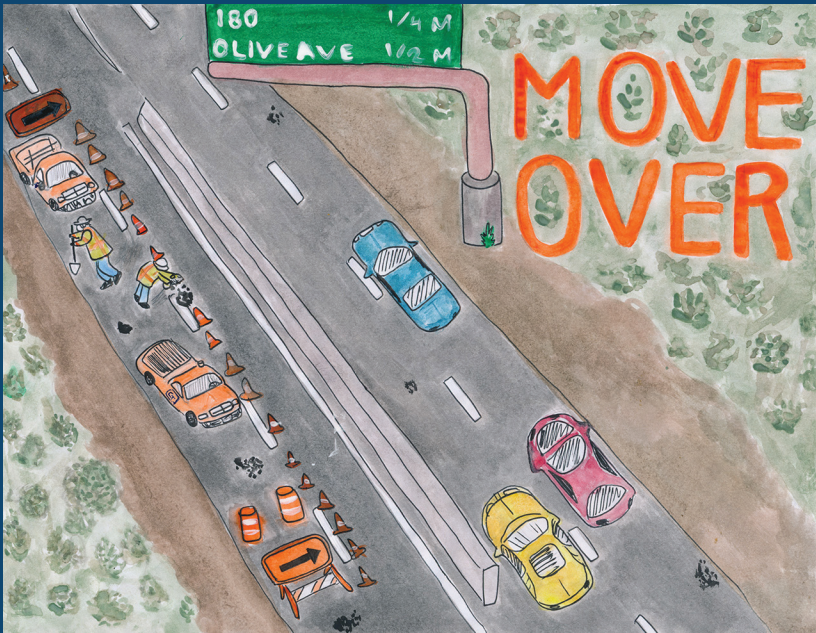
**Maycie McCloud** is the 12-year-old daughter of Roah McCloud, District 3 Transportation Engineering Technician. Two of her favorite things are the ocean and ice cream. In her free time, she enjoys painting, swimming, playing volleyball, and going to the theater. The “Be Work Zone Alert” message is especially important and personal for her. Before Macie was born, her grandfather was killed while flagging on a project. Her dad works on the highway sometimes, and she doesn’t want to lose him, too.



## WINNER 14 – 17 YEAR OLDS



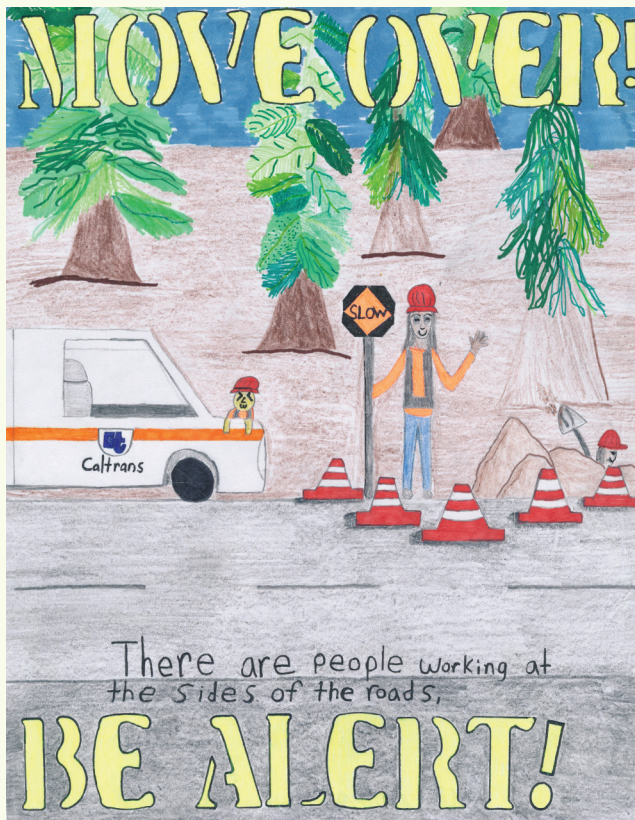
**Katelyn Bermudez** is a 17-year-old senior at Lemoore High School. She enjoys reading, writing, watercolor painting and playing with her dogs. After hearing the stories from her father Hector Bermudez, District 6 Safety Specialist, Katelyn has come to realize how important it is for people to pay attention when encountering workers on the roadway.



## WINNER 11 – 13 YEAR OLDS



**Sofia Lujan** is a 13-year-old 8th grader who gets good grades and is especially good at math. She likes Star Wars, Hamilton and ice cream. Her hobbies include reading and coloring, especially design books, painting and watching movies. Her mom, Delane Hurley, who works in District 11 as an Associate Governmental Program Analyst, wants her to become an engineer, but Sofia hasn't decided yet. Sofia wants to encourage people to



be safer and slow down so Caltrans doesn't lose its employees who are working on the highways and hopes this poster will help people to think about being good drivers.



## WINNER 7 – 10 YEAR OLDS



**Yvette Chadergian's** dad Gerard Chadergian, is a District 11 Senior Transportation Engineer who works in the Traffic Management Center. The 10-year-old is fascinated with art and the human body, memorizing all the bones in the body by age 3. Yvette likes horses and enjoys drawing cartoons and learning how to cook. She also sings, along with her grandmother, in her Armenian

Church Choir, which is directed by her grandfather. This message is important because she wants her dad to come home safe each day so he can tuck her into bed.



## WINNER 6 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER



**Zoey Grah** is the energetic 6-year-old daughter of Kathy Grah, District 2 Senior Transportation Planner. She loves coloring, riding bikes and gymnastics, almost as much as she adores her older brother Xander. Zoey says “move over so you don’t hit a person.”



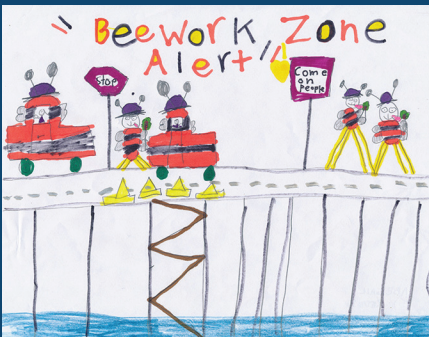
## *Honorable Mentions*

### 6 YEARS OLD AND UNDER



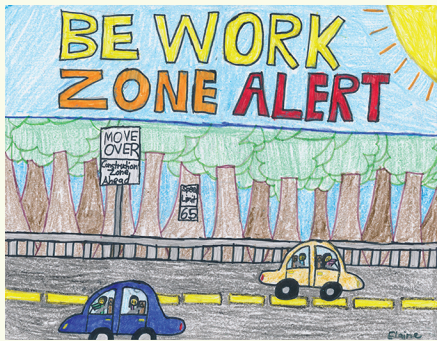
Levi Nunes | 6  
Mother, Tamra Nunes  
District 6

### 7 – 10 YEARS OLD



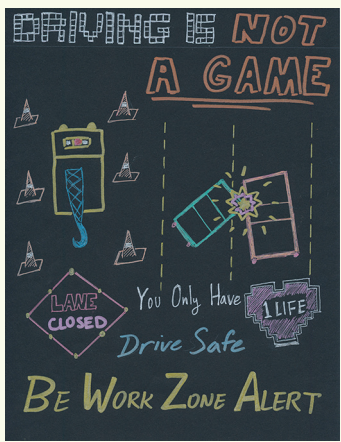
Emma Reding | 10  
Father, Don Reding  
Division of Engineering Services

11 – 13 YEARS OLD



Elaine M. Dugmore | 11  
Father, Kenneth W. Dugmore  
District 7

14 – 17 YEARS OLD



Spencer Cheng | 17  
Mother, Arlissa Pang  
District 4



## ***In memory...***

*of those dedicated employees who lost their lives while serving Caltrans  
and the people of the state of California*

### ***1921***

James Daniel Archer | *District 1, Superintendent*

### ***1924***

A. Achtert | *District 8, Assistant Resident Engineer*

George W. Rice | *District 2, Foreman*

### ***1925***

Frank T. Davis | *District 6, Timekeeper*

### ***1926***

Frank E. Rais | *District 2, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Thomas Gilbride | *District 7, Powderman*

Jose Dominguez | *District 7, Powderman Helper*

U.S. Grant | *District 2, Maintenance Foreman*

### ***1927***

C.A. Turner | *District 1, Laborer*

Albert W. Schmuck | *District 7, Foreman*

## **1928**

Jesse Pettus | *District 6, Maintenance Foreman*

Joseph Watson | *District 6, Powderman*

O. Winters | *District 6, Highway Maintenance Worker*

## **1930**

John Nelson Byers | *District 6*

## **1931**

Norman Hamilton | *District 5, Paving Inspector*

Albert B. Castro | *District 5, Surveyor*

## **1933**

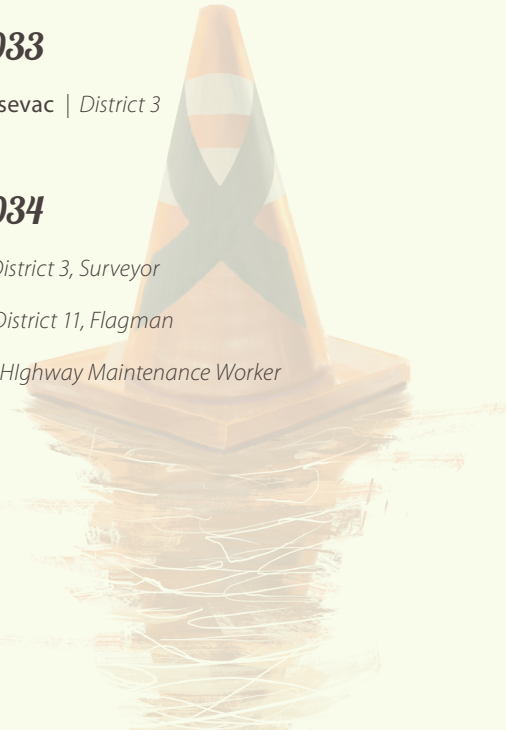
William L. Krasevac | *District 3*

## **1934**

Fred Balsz | *District 3, Surveyor*

J.E. Bedford | *District 11, Flagman*

Owen Owens | *District 11, Highway Maintenance Worker*



## **1935**

F. S. Christensen | *District 2, Powderman*

Raymond Buland | *District 2, Assistant Highway Engineer*

Henry White | *District 3, Equipment Operator*

## **1938**

Charles Pope | *Engineering, Construction Engineer*

## **1939**

Fred Pettit | *District 7, Highway Maintenance Worker*

## **1944**

Earnest Hames | *District 1, Highway Maintenance Worker*

## **1946**

Orrin Alex Dewar | *District 1, Equipment Operator*

Weldon Wade Edgmon | *District 1, Equipment Operator*

Curtis Warren | *District 9, Superintendent*

## **1948**

Frank Wesley Poast | *District 8, Assistant Highway Engineer*

## **1951**

Oddie D. Rice | *District 4, Highway Maintenance Worker*

James Swafford | *District 3, Maintenance Assistant*

## **1952**

Greg McKenna | *District 3, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Kyle Truesdale | *District 5, Maintenance Lead Worker*

## **1953**

Alan L. Robbins | *District 11, Surveyor*

Donald Hume Jacobs | *District 1, Equipment Operator*

## **1954**

Donald W. Anderson | *District 8, Assistant Engineer*

## **1956**

Charles Eslick | *District 1, Equipment Operator*

Walter Howard Johnson | *Engineering, Assistant Bridge Engineer*

George M. Leatherwood | *District 1, Senior Highway Engineer*



## **1957**

W. R. Shaw | *District 4, Structural Painter*

John Edmond Gill | *District 3, Engineering Aide*

Frank Slater | *District 6, Maintenance Foreman*

John W. Spargo | *District 4, Engineer*

## **1958**

Wallace Chapman | *District 1, Assistant Right Of Way Agent*

Nelson Thomas Peck | *District 8, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Vaughn O. Sheff | *District 7, Superintendent*

## **1959**

Joseph Bellatti | *District 9, Highway Maintenance Foreman*

Walter Devereaux Stone | *District 6, Equipment Operator*

Charles K. Boyle | *District 4, Highway Engineering Technician*

## **1960**

Charles Kispert | *District 9, Maintenance Foreman*

## **1961**

Richard Thornberg | *District 3, Highway Engineering Technician*

Frederick Moore Wilhite | *Engineering, Paint Inspector*

## **1962**

Lyle E. Bilyue | *District 2, Assistant Highway Engineer*

James W. Follis | *District 5, Equipment Operator*

Frank James Smith | *Engineering, Assistant Bridge Engineer*

## **1963**

Arnold H. Lenox | *District 11, Surveyor*

## **1964**

Evan G. Bower | *District 8, Assistant District Engineer*

Donald R. Whetsel | *Headquarters, Highway Engineering Technician*

Raphael A. Kreizenbeck | *District 2, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Robert Miller | *District 9, Highway Maintenance Worker*

George W. Stavig | *District 1, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Jethro J. Cravens | *District 10, Highway Maintenance Worker*

## **1965**

Robert Adams | *District 4, Associate Engineer*

Leroy Exum | *District 7, Construction*



## 1966

Thad Clement | *District 4, Landscape Worker*

Bruce Cole | *Bridge Division, Assistant Bridge Engineer*

Percival O. Cuff | *Bridge Department, Bridge Engineering Technician*

John Joseph Gilmore, Jr. | *Bridge Department, Bridge Engineering Technician*

## 1967

Joseph P. Neto, Jr. | *District 4, Structural Painter*

Gilbert Joseph Gibeau | *District 10, Equipment Operator*

## 1968

Richard Mcquillan | *District 4, Surveyor*

Newell Grover | *District 4, Senior Right Of Way Agent*

Harold Laereman | *District 4, Structural Painter*

Roland G. Landweer | *District 11, Highway Engineering Technician*

Roger Myhre | *District 7, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Reno Redding | *District 1, Highway Maintenance Worker*

## 1969

Robert Johnson | *District 11, Landscape Worker*

William McLaughlin | *District 10, Assistant Highway Engineer*

Emory J. Spencer | *District 4, Structural Painter*

Daryl M. Tallman | *District 1, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Stanley W. Gorden | *District 1, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Lawrence Peters | *District 4, Electrician*

## 1970

Thomas R. Brungardt | *District 7, Construction*

Herbert Luker | *District 11, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Rupert McGirr | *District 11, Highway Engineering Technician*

George Mote | *District 3, Heavy Equipment Mechanic*

## 1971

Donald L. Parker | *District 7, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Jerry Corey | *District 4, Surveyor*

Robert C. McCain | *District 4, Structural Painter*

Carl P. Tardito | *District 4, Surveyor*





## 1972

Arthur Boone | *District 1, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Norman Lubig | *District 7*

Theodore F. Hvembree | *District 8, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Charles R. Rorabough | *District 8, Maintenance Worker*

## 1973

Harvey Robert Huss | *District 5, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Paul D. Coedy | *District 4, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Emory Price | *District 7, Highway Resident Engineer*

Cecil R. Mecum | *District 4, Highway Superintendent*

Perry L. Stiltz | *District 4, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Benny L. Shreves | *District 2, Equipment Operator*

## 1974

Michael Murphy | *District 9, Maintenance Student Assistant*

Claude A. Thiel | *District 7, Highway Engineering Technician*

## 1975

Hugh Bonner | *District 4, Structural Steel Painter*

Arthur Silva | *District 7, Highway Maintenance Worker*

## 1976

Carl L. Taylor | *District 2, Highway Landscape Leadworker*

David Guillen | *District 7, Highway Maintenance Worker*

## 1977

James D. Grecian | *District 11, Highway Engineering Technician*

Harry J. Simons | *District 10, Highway Engineering Technician*

## 1978

Donald S. Beasley | *District 7, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Kanika F. Burroughs | *District 7, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Donald L. Caldwell | *District 4, Maintenance Worker*

David R. Tobey | *District 9, Engineering Student Assistant*

Leonard "Joe" Barr | *Headquarters Chief, Outdoor Advertising*

Pauline Colarich | *Headquarters Environmental Planner*

John L. Haynes | *District 7, Highway Maintenance Worker*

## 1979

Daniel C. Wong | *District 4, Engineering Geologist*

Richard A. Singleton | *District 4, Equipment Operator*

Glen P. Fenwick | *District 7, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Raul J. Arismendez | *District 7, Highway Maintenance Worker*

Samuel Ho | *District 7, Electrician*

Donna J. Patarak | *District 5, Highway Landscape Leadworker*



## **1980**

Wade O. Brewen | *District 2, Equipment Operator*

Thomas E. Davis | *District 7, Highway Maintenance Leadworker*

Harold L. Teeple | *District 4, Highway Maintenance Worker*

## **1981**

James H. Copeland | *District 7, Highway Landscape Worker*

James C. Esola, Jr. | *District 3, Assistant Transportation Engineer*

Lori J. Bittner | *District 11, Collection Agent*

Robbie R. Haney | *District 7, Maintenance Supervisor*

## **1982**

Brian Kavanaugh | *District 4, Structural Steel Painter*

Robert L. Wheeler | *District 8, Highway Maintenance Leadworker*

## **1983**

William D. Abarr | *District 1, Equipment Operator*

Roland V. Keller | *District 10, Assistant Transportation Engineer*

Billy G. West | *District 4, Equipment Operator*

## **1984**

Byron Works | *Headquarters, Engineering Geologist*

Onnie T. Fletcher | *District 4, Equipment Operator*

## **1986**

Wayne David Glenn | *District 4, Transportation Engineering Technician*

## **1987**

Ann McCormick | *District 3, Landscape Maintenance Worker*

David A. Hoffman | *District 11, Associate Engineer*

## **1988**

Dennis B. Sparks | *District 7, Maintenance Superintendent*

Cedric Dubenion | *District 7, Heavy Equipment Operator*

Henry "Rick" M. Mendoza | *District 7, Equipment Operator*

## **1989**

Tsutomu (Ben) Tani | *District 6, Assistant Transportation Engineer*

## **1990**

Oscar Lanatta | *District 10, Civil Engineer*

## **1991**

Thomas Sanders, Jr. | *District 5, Maintenance Supervisor*



## **1992**

Jerry R. Alcala | *District 7, Landscape Maintenance Worker*

Callie Joel Buser, Jr. | *District 7, Land Surveys Supervisor*

## **1993**

Juan Thome | *District 7, Landscape Leadworker*

Roger Van Den Broeke | *District 4, Equipment Operator*

Robert J. Essenpreis | *District 2, Civil Transportation Engineer*

## **1994**

Brad Lee Joss | *District 4, Civil Transportation Engineer*

Charles D. Warner | *District 4, Maintenance Leadworker*

## **1995**

Donna K. DeNeal | *District 11, Equipment Operator*

Michael Magana | *District 8, Equipment Operator*

Thomas Ortega | *District 8, Highway Maintenance Leadworker*

## **1997**

Hal B. Bierlein | *District 12, Maintenance Supervisor*

Wayne Bowers | *District 12, Maintenance Lead Worker*

Michael J. Kelley | *District 12, Equipment Operator*

Paul White | *District 12, Equipment Operator*

## **1998**

Manuel Leon | *District 5, Electrician*

Hemul Patel | *District 3, Transportation Engineer*

## **1999**

Paul J. Chavez | *District 7, Highway Maintenance Worker*

David Jackson Jones | *District 6, Highway Maintenance Worker*

## **2000**

Charles F. Deming | *District 7, Highway Maintenance Leadworker*

## **2001**

Linda Sutton | *District 8, Equipment Operator*

## **2004**

Michael Feliciano | *District 5, Maintenance Leadworker*

William John Calloway | *District 4, Structural Steel Painter*

Chester Ray Hawkins | *District 10, Equipment Operator*

## **2005**

Daniel Broeske | *District 1, Transportation Engineering Technician*



## 2006

Sean Merriman | *District 4, Equipment Operator*

Jackie Ray Aldridge | *District 9, Equipment Operator*

## 2007

Djuan Bush | *District 4, Highway Maintenance Worker*

John Knabenbauer | *District 8, Equipment Operator*

Matthew White | *District 3, Highway Maintenance Worker*

## 2008

Moui Duc Tran | *District 2, Transportation Engineer*

## 2009

Donald Lichliter | *District 10, Tree Maintenance Leadworker*

Deborah Ross | *District 4, Toll Collector*

## 2010

Gary Wayne Smith | *District 3, Highway Maintenance Leadworker*

## **2011**

Stephen Palmer Sr. | *District 11, Landscape Maintenance Worker*

Jaime Obeso | *District 11, Maintenance Leadworker*

Richard Gonzalez | *District 11, Equipment Operator II*

## **2013**

Joseph "Robert" Jones | *District 2, Equipment Operator II*

Shawn Baker | *District 2, Equipment Operator II*

## **2015**

Oscar Vargas | *Division Of Engineering Services Civil Transportation Engineer*

## **2016**

Jorge Lopez | *District 7, Electrician*

Randy Lee Whisenhunt | *District 11, Electrician II*





# *The California Transportation Foundation*

To contribute towards the ongoing efforts to honor our Caltrans fallen workers and families, please make a tax-deductible donation to the California Transportation Foundation.

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